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Marriage of Mr. Hazel Witherspoon

Lancaster's Prominent Young Citizen Weds Miss Montgomery, of Concord, N. C.—Interesting Account of the Nuptials.

Our most highly esteemed and deservedly popular young fellow townsman Mr. J. Hazel Witherspoon was happily wedded last Thursday night in Concord, N. C., to Miss Lucy Montgomery, a charming and attractive young lady of that city, who has many friends and admirers in Lancaster, where she has occasionally visited.

A special Thursday evening from Concord to the Charlotte Observer of yesterday gives the following interesting account of the marriage:

This evening at 7.30 o'clock, at the handsome home of Judge W. J. Montgomery, there was witnessed a most pleasant event in which North and South Carolina linked their fortunes, when Miss Lucy Montgomery, the attractive daughter of Judge and Mrs. W. J. Montgomery, was married to Mr. J. Hazel Witherspoon, the popular manager of the Lancaster Mercantile Company. Dr. E. H. Harding, uncle of the bride, performed the ceremony. He used the old Presbyterian ceremony, which was very beautiful. Miss Elma Cole played exquisitely the wedding march. Mr. J. T. Stevens, of Lancaster, was best man. Miss Sherley Montgomery, sister of the bride, was maid of honor.

It was a quiet home wedding with only a few special friends and relatives present. Among these were Mrs. Leroy Springs, Mr. C. D. Jones, Mr. J. T. Stevens, of Lancaster, S. C.; Dr. Harding and Mrs. F. H. Whitaker, of Melton; Dr. J. C. Montgomery and Mrs. Dr. E. C. Register, of Charlotte. After the ceremony a pleasant reception was given and refreshments served. The bride and groom left on No. 38 for a trip to New York. Mrs. Witherspoon is very popular all over the State in social circles. The best wishes of all their many friends follow the happy couple. They will be at home at Lancaster on their return.

Recent Meeting of Bethel Presbytery.

Chester Lantern:

Bethel Presbytery met in this city Friday at Purity Presbyterian Church with W. D. Knox presiding. The only matter of importance brought up for consideration was that relating to the dissolution of the relation at present existing between Rev. J. H. Wilson and the churches at Richburg and Fishing Creek. This relation was dissolved.

The Creek Community

A Rapidly Growing Section of the County—New Buildings Going up and other Evidences of Progress—Word of Advice to Farmers.

Editor Lancaster News:

After recording my highest appreciation for your most valuable services in the encouragement of the farming fraternity, in their struggle for the true value of their labor, and a few words addressed to our fellow farmers, I will give you a few items of news from our flourishing community.

Now, fellow farmers, as the time is near, as the saying goes, to "pitch the crop," let's reduce, rotate and diversify, in the field, and not at the club meeting on paper only. If some mysterious genius would give me the power, God knows that I would drive this idea clear through every farmer's head, and clinch it on the other side, until "the waste places should be glad for them and the desert should blossom as the rose." So mote it be. We hope to see President Smith and his collaborators given a great ovation next Monday.

We feel sure that our community is on the up grade. Mr. A. M. L. Hallman, who has bought a part of the Sims estate lands, has a sawmill in operation, a neat little cottage already up, and lumber on the ground for a commodious dwelling, with the foundation already laid, and with a few weeks of favorable weather we expect to see him soon occupying his new building.

Mr. J. D. Blackmon has erected a neat little cottage, and is making some improvements on his dwelling. Some of the girls say J. D. has wheels in his head.

Mr. W. M. Johnson, who some time ago bought the Bakins place, has had some improvement made on the dwelling occupied by Mr. J. W. ...

Messrs Morris and ... are making some repairs and improvements on buildings.

Mr. J. M. Cook has completed a large, handsome barn and Mr. S. B. Roberts is replacing his barn, which was some weeks ago burned, with some other new building.

Several good families have recently moved into our community, to each of whom we extend a cordial welcome.

Our schools are moving on nicely; lumber is on the ground and the Sims school expects to build during the present year.

Mr. J. D. B says he's going to sow 10 acres of fresh land in oats and follow with peas. Let's do likewise, sir, Farmer.

The Misses Armstrong, from Columbia, are visiting friends in the Creek section, their former home.

The Legislature.

What the South Carolina Solons are Doing this Week --The Legislative Proceedings as Reported by Representative Foster.

Magistrate W. P. Caskey visited the legislature this week. His large size created much comment and one member said he was big enough to eat stumps.

There are six or more joint resolutions on the calendar relating to biennial sessions and there is some doubt about passing them.

The whiskey question is consuming a deal of time and is crowding out many important measures.

The compulsory education bill was defeated by two votes. Capt. Hamel made a good argument from his standpoint in favor of the bill. We do not agree on this question. Build the school houses and supply teachers and we will have practical compulsory education. Nothing would suit a negro better than pass a law to make him attend school. This is a serious objection I have to the bill.

Ex-Governor Cameron of Virginia by invitation addressed the legislature and urged the appropriation of \$25,000 to furnish a suitable exhibit for the state at the Jamestown Exposition. It appears to be a good and practical opportunity to advertise the resources of the state. Mr. Cameron made a good speech and paid a beautiful tribute to South Carolina's great soldiers and statesmen.

The people will have to clean out the present legislature before they get rid of the dispensary. The dispensary people are organizing to make a desperate fight next summer.

A number of the members attended the meeting of the dispensary investigating committee Wednesday. It was shown by witnesses, letters and invoices that the dispensary paid ten cents more per half a pint for certain whiskey than was paid by whiskey men in Georgia for the same whiskey and a chemical analysis of the same whiskey demonstrated that the stuff was entirely artificial.

The legislature passed an act giving the dispensary investigating committee authority to stop the paying of any bill against the state dispensary until all the original books, papers and correspondence had with the dispensary were produced. So some people will have to show up before they get paid up.

Mr. DeVore of Edgefield made a splendid argument in favor of abolishing the State Dispensary and establishing county Dispensaries.

Mr. Lomax of Abbeville has a bill requiring all patent medicines shipped into this state to

"It Discredits the Town."

The Opinion of a Discriminating and Conservative Contemporary on the Southern's Depot at Lancaster--The News' Kick "Justifiable."

The Kershaw Era.

The Lancaster News is registering a justifiable kick against the Southern road for maintaining a nuisance in its town, in retaining for use with apparent satisfaction the present ill designed, uncomfortable and unsightly structure which is called a depot. It discredits the town.

In fact the entire surroundings at the depot are such as to mislead and leave a bad impression upon the passer-by who has not gotten a view of the more presentable objects which reveal the town's progressive spirit.

Anyone looking only at Lancaster's depot, would, without explanation, naturally conclude that either the business supplied by the town to the road would not justify the expenditure of the amount necessary to erect a more presentable building, or that the road had a grievance against the town and was trying to get even.

The News, however, has probably given the correct explanation of the Southern's failure to build a new depot, when it attributes it to the fact that the validity of the ownership and operation of the road is being litigated. Nevertheless we hope to see the complaint of The News bear fruit.

be analyzed and tested by the state chemist and the manufacturers to pay for the analyses. The revenue therefrom to go towards establishing and maintaining a state university.

The commission appointed to examine into the fish, terrapin, oyster and other shell fish interest of the state and to report suitable measures to adopt in order to develop said industries presented its report. The commission offer a bill if enacted will raise about \$20,000 revenue for the state and also protect the state's shell fish interest. The investigation costs \$800.00.

The state of Georgia is endeavoring to induce Mr. E. J. Watson, State Commissioner of Agriculture and Immigration, to give up this position. Georgia offers Mr. Watson \$3,000 salary and a fund of \$10,000 to spend in developing the Immigration interest of Georgia.

The friends of the Morgan Local option bill have decided to limit high license to Charleston and county dispensaries or prohibition for the other counties. This bill will pass the house and it has a fair chance in the senate.

Very truly yours,
J. Harry Foster.
Feb. 1st, 1906.

The Williams-Long Nuptials.

The Marriage Thursday Afternoon of Mr. Robert A. Williams and Miss Bulah Long, at the Home of the Latter's Parents.

In accordance with announcement in Wednesday's issue of The News, a beautiful marriage ceremony was performed Thursday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at the home of Mr. M. J. Long, in the Creek section. The parties united in holy wedlock were Mr. Robert A. Williams, a promising young citizen of Riverside, son of Mr. T. P. Williams, and Miss Emilie Bulah, one of Mr. Long's popular and fascinating young daughters, who is an accomplished musician as well as a successful school teacher.

The rooms were tastefully decorated for the occasion with ferns and other hot house plants, and numerous burning candles shed a soft light over the scene. The groom entered the room appointed for the service from a door on the left, on the arm of his best man, Mr. Joel Blackmon, while the bride came in from a door on the right, accompanied by her sister, Miss Eunice Long. The bride and groom meeting and joining hands, the marriage ceremony was impressively performed by Dr. J. H. Boldridge, pastor of the First Baptist church of Lancaster, in the presence of a number of relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The bride was attired in white silk, and her maid of honor in blue silk. The groom was dressed in black. The bride's traveling dress was of blue with hat to match. The presents were both numerous and handsome.

The groom and his lovely bride will be at home to their friends at Riverside.

Mayor Wylie in Washington This Week.

Chester Lantern.

In response to a message received yesterday from Washington, Mayor Hardin, accompanied by Mayor R. E. Wylie, of Lancaster, left the city last night to appear before the committee which is intrusted with the location of the proposed Federal court building. J. K. Henry and Mr. W. W. Dixon, of Winnsboro, followed this morning. They expect to be joined in Washington by Mr. W. S. Hall, of Gaffney, who will assist in presenting Chester's claim. The committee will meet tomorrow morning, and it is expected that they will finally dispose of the question which has been agitating this part of the Fifth District for more than a year.

—Attention is directed to new announcement in today's paper of the Heath-Jones Co, McCordell & Allison Bros. and E. A. Thompson & Co.